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**EFFECTIVE**

October 1, 2012.

**Subject(s)**

1. Annual federal cost-of-living changes.
2. Changed form.
3. Obsolete forms.
4. PUB 521.

**1) Annual Federal  
Cost-of-Living  
Changes****FAP****RFT 250, 255**

Bridges is updated to support the annual cost-of-living update for Food Assistance Program (FAP) standards. The update will appear in budgets with an effective date of October 1, 2012.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has determined the benefit issuances will remain the same as last year. Additionally, FNS determined the heat and utility standard used in calculating FAP benefits is increased from \$553 to \$575 per month and the non-heat electric standard is increased from \$92 per month to \$128 per month. The other standards have a minimal increase, decrease or remain the same.

*Reason:* Annual standards update.

***Communication Plan:*** e-Blast.

**2) Changed Form****DHS-430, Notice Of State SSI Payment Change**

Bridges prints and sends the recipient a DHS-430, Notice of State SSI Payment Change, if the current quarterly State SSI Payment (SSP) is less than the previous quarterly SSP.

**3) Obsolete Forms**

The following forms are obsolete:

1. DHS PUB-16, Food Assistance Benefits in Michigan.
2. DHS-1662, Youth Health Record Initial Physical.
3. FIA-417, Excess Asset Notice.

DHS users can view historical policy by changing the Effective Date in the policy manuals applicaiton to October 1, 2012 or earlier. The public can access historical policy through the Archives of Michigan.

**PUB 521**

Pub-521, Your Rights and Responsibilities In The Food Assistance Program, is updated and can be found on the DHS-Net at <http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,4562,7-124-7699---,00.html>

**MANUAL  
MAINTENANCE  
INSTRUCTIONS**

**Changed Items (content changes) ...**

**RFF 430  
RFF PUB521  
RFT 250  
RFT 255**

**Deleted Items ...**

**RFF 16  
RFF 417  
RFF 1662**